FINN BN LEAVES UNFICYP

MEMORIAL UNVEILED

As the Acting Force Commander said "the final parade of the Finnish Contingent was both a sad and a happy occasion". Said because it was the end of thirteen years of very devoted service to UNFICYP, and happy because on it the last of the officers and men who had earned the UN Medal in Cyprus would be receiving them.

The parade was held in Kykkos Camp, in the presence of Lieutenant General K. Sarmanne the Secretary General of the Finnish Ministry of Defence, H.E. The Finnish Ambassador Mr M. Kaila, Mr. Brothnras Assistant Director of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, and Lieutenant General Makkonen the father of the only Finnish soldier to be killed on active service in Cyprus.

"After the parade, on which the music was provided by the Drums and Pipes of 2 RCR, Lieutenant General Sarmanne unveiled a memorial to the many Finnish soldiers who have served the United Nations and Finland so well on the Island."
The Swedish Battalion is now settled in Camp Victoria at Larnaca after two very heavy weeks work.

After spending 13 years at Carl Gustaf and Gold Fish Office in Famagusta, Sweden, it was ordered to move to Larnaca as part of the redeployment of UNFICYP caused by the Finnish Battalion's withdrawal from Cyprus.

Of course there was lots of material that had to be moved and moved just a few weeks before the whole Battalion rotated back to Sweden. The new Swedish Contingent - called Battalion 67C - has now moved into Camp Victoria, as UNFICYP's old Camp Duke Leopold V has been renamed. The company is - due to insufficient space and facilities - based in tents along the Artemis Road in Larnaca, while the other is located in the village of Athienou. Arrangements are in hand though, to extend the living facilities at Larnaca to cope with the larger numbers in the Swedish Battalion.

And so after 13 years in the Famagusta District and Sector 6, the Swedish Battalion has now taken over and is carrying out in UNFICYP.

Members of the third Coy setting up tents at Artemis Road, not far from Camp Victoria in Larnaca.

...AFTER LEAVING FAMAGUSTA

The Swedish soldiers load the trucks at Carl Gustaf Camp as they are heading for Sector 5.

Goldfish Camp was totally deserted and the sign was taken away at the third Coy moved from Famagusta.

Out from Carl Gustaf Camp and farewell to what's been home for the last six months.
NEW UNITS IN BRITCON

Two weeks ago the Royal Irish Rangers handled responsibility for Sector 2 over to the 1st Battalion The Kings Regiment. The Kings, who have come to Cyprus from their barracks in Colchester, were immediately given the task of altering their beret insignia and of assuming responsibility for guarding Jubilee Camp.

In a short ceremony, the Kings' Battalion flag was raised in St. David's Camp and the Rangers' flag lowered for the last time (left). Then with a quick handshake by the two Commanding Officers the hand-over was completed.

A Chieftain tank being directed through a minefield during exercises in Canada.

RTR AND KINGS ARRIVE

The Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Oberwinkler welcomes the new members of AUSCON at Camp Duke Leopold V in Famagusta.

FIRE

Auch auf den OP wird gearbeitet und umgebaut. Der erste Feuerbrand hat gezeigt wie notwendig dies ist. Am OP 20, der in einer stillgelegten Kartoffelkultur liegen gebracht ist, ging die Umgestaltung nicht ohne Hindernisse vorstatten. Begünstigt durch stürmischen Wind griff ein in der Nähe ausgebauter Brand auf den Allgegenwärtigen über. In Zusammenarbeit mit der Feuer- 
garde aus Ayios Nikolaos und Dhakelia gelang es der OP-Besatz
ging den Brand vorerst unter Kontrolle zu bringen und am

OP Besatzung und Feuerbrigade bei den Löscharbeiten.

The men at OP 20 and the fire brigades at work trying to

Oberwinkler in seiner Ab

schonen Breiten, die Abgabefahne von AUSCON, die nach der Verlegung in die Heimat zurückge

schritten ist.

The transfer of the Austrian Contingent to Famagusta has

been completed, and it has taken over responsibility for Sector 6.

Those members of the Con-

tingent who returned to Austria during the last rotation made a

desire to do their part. Camp Duke Leopold V being adapted to suit the

Austrian conceptions, OP's will also be changed which means

that the posts move the work of the Austrian Engineers has been

marked out.

Der nächste Tag zu klären. Die Tankwagen von AUSCON waren

ganzes Nacht unterwegs und schafften das dringend benötigte

Löscherwasser herbei.

A large fire broke out near OP 20, which is located in an old carman factory, and fanned by a strong wind set fire to the paper rolls outside the factory buildings. The members of the

OP, in close cooperation with the Ayios Nikolaos and Dhakelia

fire brigades managed to put the fire out. During this fire fight

the Austrian Contingent's water hoses were deployed to col

lact water.
CO SIGNS FOR SECTOR 3

On the morning of the 19th of October 1977, CANCON assumed responsibility for the majority of Sector 3 from the Finnish Contingent. A parade was held in Finneagles Camp to mark the occasion of the change-over. Brigadier H.M. Tilston CBE, the Acting Force Commander, inspected the parade and took the salute.

The Canadian Contingent was represented by H Company.

Second Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment and the unit’s pipes and drums, H Company under the command of Major L.C. Bowen, has been working closely with the Finnish Contingent for the past few weeks and will be moving into Finneagles Camp.

In just a few weeks the 2RCR has been in Cyprus we have come to admire and respect the Finns, and will sorely miss them as fellow members of UNFICYP.

Major Larry Bowen presents a regimental plaque to his counterpart Major Jorma Rouhe.

The Finns march past in Finneagles Camp for the last time.
POLICE NEWS an end of an era

The departure this week of Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton OBE QPM marks the end of an era so far as UNIFCYP’s Civilian Police Force is concerned. Mr Hamilton was the first Police Adviser in the Force when he was appointed in 1964, and with his departure this week the appointment of Police Adviser will disappear.

Mr Hamilton has had a long and very distinguished career in the Commonwealth Police Force in Australia, which he joined in 1962—after serving for 24 years in the Queensland Police Force. He retired in June 1975 and was appointed Police Adviser by the Secretary General in September of the same year.

Before his retirement in 1975 he was the Commonwealth Police Representative of the Australian Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Hamilton is now returning to Australia and retirement once more.

Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton seen looking at one of the recent copies of the Blue Beret.

New Patrol Track in Sector 6

The track in Sector 6 has not been in a very good state for some time, and so a Troop of 87 Support Royal Engineers was asked to come and repair it. Using heavy plant from Dhekelia the sappers soon built good culverts, like the one on the right, and graded and levelled the track as they were pictured doing above.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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